

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
AGENDA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019 at 10:30AM
Administration Office • 16829 East Main St • Cut Off, LA 70345
(Revised: November 13, 2019 at 10:22AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for October 9, 2019 regular meeting and October 7, 2019 special meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 400' East Part 2 Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 2. Northern Expansion Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 3. Minor Chermie Sr. Road Paving (*Angelette-Picciola*)
 - 4. Coastal Wetlands Park
 - B. Airport Projects
 - 1. Aircraft Operations
 - 2. Airfield Drainage Improvements – Construction Phase (*Duplantis Design Group*)
 - 3. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - C. Other Projects
 - 1. Section 203 Feasibility Study (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 2. Belle Pass Tower Upgrades
- VI. Update from LA 1 Coalition
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the Amendment of Lease with H&A Seafood for additional terms
 - 2. Consider approving the request Rotorcraft Leasing Company for the proposed hangar improvements on lease site SLIP-10
 - 3. Consider approving bids for surplus equipment sale
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Consider approving bids for sunken vessel removal
 - 2. Review permits from Shell Pipeline Company LP, Harvest Pipeline Company, and Steve Gremillion
 - C. Construction and Development Committee
 - 1. Consider adopting the DOTD Resolution Certifying Compliance with Public Bid Laws for the Slip C 1100' Bulkhead, Part 1 project
 - 2. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Minor Chermie Sr. Road Paving project
 - 3. Consider approving to terminate contract with EPIC and advertise for new proposals for Aviation Fuel Service
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of October 2019 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving the October 2019 unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
November 14, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 10:30AM at the Administration Office 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

President Harris Cheramie, Jr. called the meeting to order and Secretary M. Callais then called roll.

ATTENDED: Harris Cheramie, Jr., Jimmy Lafont, Rodney J. Gisclair, Sr., Curtis Pierce, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais, and Kris Callais

ABSENT: Rodney R. Gisclair

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for October 9, 2019 regular meeting and October 7, 2019 special meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Sealevel Construction has started driving steel sheet piles for Slip C 400' East Bulkhead project. Once they are complete driving sheets in 2 to 3 weeks, they will begin installing the concrete deadman. Executive Director Chett Chiasson questioned how many deadman, which Picciola replied 5 or 6. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Shavers-Whittle Construction is the low bidder for the Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead. All contracts are signed and there is a DOTD resolution certifying compliance with the public bid laws. The preconstruction meeting is scheduled for November 20th at 10AM. Engineer Neil Angelette reported Minor Cheramie Sr. Road Paving is complete and in the lien period which ends December 12th. There is a change order for approval a deduct of \$112,136.21 of final quantities of aggregate and asphalt materials. Thad Angelloz reported on the Coastal Wetlands Park. The view finders are scheduled to be delivered by the end of this month. The Land & Water Conservation grant is still under review and we are working to get a letter in place from Wisner as part of additional information needed to submit. We are waiting on the status of the Recreational Trails grant program. The Port is continuing to develop the tidal creek and parking lot areas.

Airport Projects – Joe Wheeler Airport Director reported the aircraft operations for the month of October were 2,304, 11,418 passengers, and 19,529 vehicles. Byron E. Talbot Contractors is on site working on the Airfield Drainage Improvements. The runway was closed yesterday morning and re-opened at 5pm with a 1,000 ft. displaced threshold. 5,500 ft. of runway is available. The plan is to re-open to full runway on Saturday to normal operations at 6,500 ft. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge. The 30% design plans were submitted to DOTD on November 4th. We are starting to receive comments and will respond accordingly. The traffic study is progressing well, and we had a submittal to DOTD and have received some comments which will be incorporated into the completed study. We are also working on the wetland delineation, cultural resources survey, and field borings. The borings were completed last week, and we will be working on the reports. We are currently working on permit drawings, permit application, and right of way surveys. Chiasson stated we are working to get appraisal agreements finalized to get the appraisal done in the next month or so. R. Gisclair Sr. questioned if the traffic study is complete, which Picciola replied they are not complete yet. They have done a lot of modeling projections of the bridge and traffic counts, and the report should be finalized in the next month. We will have to request from DOTD to have traffic signals. The plan is to have signals at LA 1 and a caution light on LA 308 and LA 3235 like we have at other intersections. Chiasson stated if we don't push to have signals, DOTD would not put any lights. Picciola stated we want it to open as intended and put the lights instead of no lights and see what happens.

Other Projects – John Plaisance reported on Section 203 Feasibility Study. He stated we had meetings last week to address the Corps' latest comments. We are scheduling a meeting with the Corps

ASA office for some time in December. John Crochet reported on the Belle Pass Tower Upgrades. We are preparing the bid packet for the platform modification and the contract for security systems which should be complete in December.

Update from LA 1 Coalition – Henri Boulet reported the Coalition has continued to work on the anticipated federal grant application for Phase II of LA 1. The USDOT is expected to formally announce the funding opportunity before the end of the year. DOTD has agreed to submit the LA 1 Project as its sole applicant to this INFRA round. DOTD has agreed to contract the firm HNTB to help calculate and write an updated cost-benefit analysis for Phase II. Furthermore, DOTD has contracted with the economic modeling firm REMI to provide a program that can take certain economic data to calculate the cost benefit percentage. At the end of the day, the USDOT is looking for a positive “1” calculation or higher, which means if the project cost \$375M to construct, our federal, state, parish and port combined with the large community of private citizens will receive \$375M back in long term benefits. Calculating this will take numerous interviews with companies and government entities, and that will be the bulk of Boulet’s work over the next few months. Yesterday, DOTD hosted a grant kick-off meeting with the Coalition and HNTB that had various DOTD departments which had 16 people in attendance. Boulet has made progress with the industry match to be submitted with this grant. He received three match commitment letters, two more are anticipated in the next weeks, and over a dozen more that are being considered within company leadership chains. Finally, the Coalition participated in two events in Washington seeking to support Senator Cassidy’s bill to increase Gulf of Mexico states percentage of federal revenue sharing funds derived from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sales and production.

Executive Director Chiasson presented a video to the board and public regarding the Friends of Bayou Lafourche, the first of four videos coming out. He stated this first part shows Bayou Lafourche in Port Fourchon and the critical importance to our community. After the video played, Chiasson stated this video has good information that we can utilize to highlight who we are and what we do. R. Gisclair Sr. questioned how the public will be able to view this video, which Thad Angeloz replied initially it was put on Facebook, Twitter, and social media. We may also do a direct messaging. He stated there was a lot of footage taken but not captured on this video, so he hopes to work with the footage and use elsewhere. He was very pleased with the quality. We will also share what they put out about other areas as well. Chiasson stated it was fun to do these interviews since it was the same production company as DJ Rhett. Cheramie congratulated them on doing a very good job on this.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Daniel Lorraine, Lafourche Parish Councilman for District 9 addressed the board. He stated the Parish Council finally passed the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Airport Road and Bridge Project LA3235 to LA 308. He stated on October 8th it was presented to the Council, but it was deferred then brought back up on October 22nd and approved. The Port and Parish will put up \$4.5M, and the Port received a \$16.4M federal grant. He stated this project is 4 phases and 2 phases have already been completed which was the paving of Airport Road to the bridge \$1.2M from Road Sales Tax 2, and the other project was to widen the Airport Road which was paid by an EDA grant of \$700,000, \$348,000 Parish Road Sales Tax 2, and Port \$100,000. He stated now this next phase can begin with the CEA being approved. He stated from a \$35M project the Parish will only have to put up \$4.5M which is a steal and a deal and will help everyone in the community. He thanked the board for the good working relationship we have that benefits the public. This project will relieve some traffic at the South Lafourche Bridge and the area will develop meaning more tax dollars which benefits the whole Parish. He plans to continue to work with the Port and expects more cooperation with the new Parish Council. Roland Guidry congratulated the Port on the video and wanted to remind the people that the water flowed freely before 1903/1904 when they damned the river from Bayou Lafourche in Donaldsonville. Since then, we have had erosion with the salt and brackish water. The fresh water brought life down the bayou with rice fields and orange groves in Leeville. We had a whole city there. He just wants to remind the board if the Port keeps doing film to remember what was there before. We have come a long way and he is very proud of what the Port is doing now.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met October 23rd in Cut Off present were Cheramie, R. Gisclair, and Melancon. They also met November 12th in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by R. Gisclair Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment of Lease with H&A Seafood to increase the renewal term to 5 additional 5-year periods through September 2045.

President Cheramie presented to the board to consider approving the request Rotorcraft Leasing Company for the proposed hangar improvements on lease site SLIP-10. Chiasson recommended taking no action while we have further discussions with Rotorcraft. No action was taken.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 18 high bids for surplus equipment sale which total \$18,037.47 includes 4 outboard engines, 4 vessels, 4 iPads, a Polaris Ranger, bushhog, pressure washer, push mower, an inverter, and 3 phone cases. Of the remaining 25 items with no valid bids, we recommend disposal of the 3 vessels, and reduce the minimum bid and re-advertise the 22 items on Govdeals.com which consist of servers, microphones, phones, and phone cases.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met October 23rd in Cut Off present were Lafont, R. Gisclair, Cheramie, with Pierce absent. They also met November 12th in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the low bid from Tidewater Dock for the removal of the sunken vessel F/V Sea Dog in the amount of \$4,100.00.

Pierce presented for the board the permits from Shell Pipeline Company LP, Harvest Pipeline Company, and Steve Gremillion.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met October 23rd in Cut Off present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie. They also met November 12th in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by Griffin second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved adopting the DOTD Resolution Certifying Compliance with Public Bid Laws for the Slip C 1100' Bulkhead, Part 1 project.

Upon motion by Griffin second by R. Gisclair Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Minor Cheramie Sr. Road Paving project a deduct of \$112,136.21.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to terminate the contract with EPIC Aviation and advertise for new proposals for aviation fuel service.

Finance Committee - The committee met October 23rd in Cut Off present were Melancon, R. Gisclair, M. Callais, and Cheramie. They also met November 12th in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of October 2019 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which totals \$1,721,803.70.

Upon motion by Melancon second R. Gisclair Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the October 2019 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson and 2 board members to attend the Section 203 Study meetings with the ASA/Corps of Engineers office in DC date to be determined.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Cheramie stated this week was Veterans Day and he would like to thank all the military and military personnel for doing a wonderful job from the board and our employees thank you for your service.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Melancon, the board adjourned the board meeting at 11:11AM.

ATTEST:



Harris Cheramie Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary